

# North Devon Conservatives

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## Keep North Devon Clean

A CAMPAIGNER has spoken of his growing concerns over the perceived growing problem of litter on the streets and parks of North Devon.

Philip Milton spoke of his concerns after a number of local people raised the issue, and in particular both fast-food packaging and dog mess, with him in recent weeks.

Philip said that the majority of people acted in a conscientious and appropriate way by discarding their rubbish in the correct bins. However, he called on the small minority who do not correctly discard their rubbish to change their habits for the benefit of the local community.

Philip, the Conservative Prospective MP for North Devon said: “While generally I believe we do very well in North Devon, it has been brought to my attention on several occasions that the level of litter and dog mess on some of our streets and amenity areas is becoming unacceptable.

“There are a number of areas where children and walkers are disadvantaged, for example, by the inconsiderate behaviour of some dog owners. The Green at Sunset Heights, Instow beach and the “new” wood on Whiddon Valley are three examples of places where problems persist but many others have also been brought to my attention.

“I do appreciate that the majority of dog owners pick-up their dog’s waste and dispose of this responsibly. However, a minority does not behave so diligently.

“I appreciate also that there are many businesses which do their utmost to reduce the problem of litter for which I compliment them, but sadly, there is still a problem. In particular, it appears there is an evident and ongoing problem with litter in the vicinity of fast food outlets, with Roundswell being suggested as one of the most notable problem spots.

“We need to ensure that all rubbish is disposed of in a responsible fashion to ensure the safety of ourselves and our children.”

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